

BEDSTONE AND BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 1 May 2012

PRESENT

Mr T Hughes (Chairman), Mr I Owen (Vice Chairman), Mr C Carter, Mr C Savery,
Mrs B Sharpe, Mr P Davies, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.
6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs K Law, Mr W Davies, Mrs F Hughes.

MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD 3.5.11

Taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman read out his report, copy attached.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Hartin reported that the Unitary Council had completed £72m of savings by skilful reorganisations. More cuts would have to be made next year, possibly 20% of the Council's budget. Discussions were to take place whereby services were delivered by forming a holding company, which should not make a lot of difference on the ground.

The present consultation on the SAMDev proposals had been extended until 20 July. The 40 houses proposed next to Redlake Meadow would be accessed from the Bedstone Road as there were legal problems with access from Redlake Meadow itself. The building of affordable houses was almost at a complete slow down owing to a lack of funding from Central Government.

Shropshire Council's Highways Department had now fully moved to Craven Arms.

Mr Chambers questioned the wisdom of building open market houses, which would be bought by incomers. Mr Hartin replied that 13% (ie 5 houses on the Redlake Meadow site) would be affordable for local people.

ACCOUNTS TO YEAR ENDED 31.3.12

The Clerk tabled a Statement of Accounts, which was discussed, approved, and signed by the Chairman. The Annual Return was also signed.

Clerk was asked to send out the Accounts a week or two before the next Annual Parish Assembly, together with the Minutes of this year's APA.

Mr Owen to ask Mrs Cordrey if she would perform the internal audit.

The Chairman then closed the Annual Parish Assembly.

THH/NEA
8.5.12